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BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE.
(Reuter's Service.)

KHARTOUM, August 14.
Two hundred and fifty of the railway troops at Atbara, are confined to barracks and guarded by Sudanese troops. The ringleaders are under close arrest.

HAMMERS AND STICKS.
A party of labourers, employed in the steamer service, armed with sticks and hammers attempted a demonstration to the North of Khartoum. They were dispersed by police, assisted by British troops.

APPEAL TO EGYPTIANS.
CAIRO, August 14.
The newspapers here publish an appeal to Egyptians to hold a demonstration to-morrow to arouse sympathy with the Sudan question.

A battalion of British troops and a squadron of the Royal Air Force have gone to Port Sudan, where H.M.S. "Weymouth" is standing by.

MALTA IS PREPARED.
MALTA, August 14.
One of the three battalions here have been ordered to stand in readiness to proceed to Egypt at a few hours' notice.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE
OUTLINES HIS PROGRAMME.
(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 14.
President Calvin Coolidge, in accepting the Republican nomination for the Presidency, proposed further tax reduction.



He promised to appoint a commission to investigate the means of aiding agriculture.

Peace The Sirgan.
He summed up the country's foreign policy in the one word PEACE, declaring that when the Dawes plan was under way, he would propose another international conference to discuss a further limitation in armaments.

He declared in favour of protection and indicated that, if he is elected, he will adjust the tariffs from time to time as needed.

In his speech, President Coolidge upheld the adherence of the United States to plans for a permanent court of international justice and expressed his approval that Americans were assisting in the restoration of Europe.

TENNIS.
DAVIS CUP TIES.
(Reuter's American Service.)

PROVIDENCE, R.I., August 14.
In the opening of the American Zone Davis Cup tennis finals, Patterson (Australia) defeated Shimidzu (Japan). The score was 7-5, 11-9, 6-4.

O'Hara Wood (Australia) beat Okamoto (Japan) by 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

DESCRIPTION OF PLAY.
Patterson and Shimidzu had a ding-dong struggle throughout, especially in the second set in which Patterson was fully extended. The Australian dropped his tantalising cism stroke when the score was 9 games all. With a series of vicious baseline drives and untakable service, he took the next two games.

In the second singles, O'Hara Wood's brilliant service and steady driving gave him an easy victory in the first set. The Japanese exhausted himself in frantic endeavours to return the Australian's cannon-ball drives.

In the second set, Okamoto developed a sudden streak of brilliancy, constantly outmanoeuvring Wood and winning by 6-2.

In the third set, Wood's smashing drives puzzled the Japanese, who contented himself with back-court play. Okamoto won the fourth set chiefly on account of Wood's erratic play. Wood stood up in the fifth set and, taking no chances, easily defeated his opponent.

CRICKET AT HOME.
VICTORY FOR SOUTH AFRICANS.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 13.
The match between the South Africans and the Harlequins, at Eastbourne, ended in a victory for the visitors by six wickets.

In their first innings the Harlequins made 73, the South Africans replying with 162.

Having lost one wicket overnight for 13, the Harlequins continued their second innings to-day before a moderate attendance. The weather was fine and the wicket played well.

The score was carried to 213, of which Jardine made 40 and Evans 42. The South African bowler, Carter, took six wickets for 40.

The South Africans made 125 for the loss of five wickets, Commaillie scoring 58.

LONDON CONFERENCE.
EVACUATION OF THE RUHR.
FRENCH REMAIN ADAMANT.
THIN PROSPECTS FOR COMPROMISE.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 14.
Pressure of public opinion in France and Germany on M. Herriot and Herr Marx respectively, is responsible for the delay in reaching a settlement at the London Conference.

Each advance made by either towards a compromise is severely criticised in both Capitals as a surrender. M. Herriot, during yesterday's discussions with the Germans and Belgians—which is remarkable as the first time Foreign Ministers have conferred at Downing Street without the presence of a British Minister—was fervent in the expression of his desire to establish a new era of Franco-German rapprochement.

Herr Marx accepted M. Herriot's plea that public opinion hampered his desire to evacuate the Ruhr before the expiry of a year, but he enquired whether M. Herriot was certain of remaining in power a year.

The arrival of M. Loucheur in London is regarded as significant. He is the author of a scheme for Franco-German industrial rapprochement which the London Conference in 1921 rejected, because it provided for French penetration of German mines and factories.

M. Loucheur, backed by the French iron-masters is now opposing M. Herriot's abandonment of this scheme. M. Loucheur is leader of a powerful group of Left Radicals, hitherto supporters of the Government. M. Herriot has to reckon, in the contingency of withdrawal, on that support when he meets the Chamber.

The only hope of solution now is that Mr MacDonald or an American or the Belgian M. Theunis may find a formula for a compromise.

The Belgians are by no means so adamant on the subject of evacuation as the French.

REFERENCE TO BERLIN.
The German delegates have decided to refer the French proposition with reference to the evacuation of the Ruhr by telegraph to Berlin. They hope to receive an answer by to-morrow.

QUESTION OF AMNESTY.
The Franco-Belgian and German conversations yesterday settled the question of the amnesty of the expelled German officials, but postponed the question of leaving French and Belgian railwaymen in the Ruhr after the military evacuation because that question was bound up with the Rhineland settlement. Though discussions have reached a dead-end, the subject of military evacuation, another lock on the subject of military evacuation, another difficult question was that of dyestuffs. The German refusal to include these and other by-products of coal in the list of commodities to form part of the reparations payments. The French fear that unless these are included in the deliveries, the Germans may dump dyestuffs into France and destroy an industry which the French built up after the war and which is most important from the viewpoint of the manufacture of explosives. Another fear expressed in Paris is that if France hinders the evacuation of the Ruhr for favourable concessions in a commercial treaty, British industrialists may demand a *quid pro quo*.

The "Big Seven" met at Downing Street at 9.30. The Germans did not arrive until 11 o'clock. The discussions with the French and Belgians were then continued. An earlier meeting was arranged, but the Germans were delayed because, since yesterday, they had been continually in consultation with Herr Ebert and their colleagues in Berlin by means of a private wire installed at their hotel.

FEELING OF PESSIMISM.
The meeting of the French and Belgian delegates with the Germans lasted only 20 minutes. It is uncertain whether the meetings will be resumed. Feeling is pessimistic.

An adjournment of the Conference took place at one this afternoon. It was announced that the Germans had been given two hours in which to reply to the French proposals in regard to the military evacuation of the Ruhr, which the British and American delegations have approved.

TAX ON GERMAN IMPORTS.
The Government has decided permanently to restore the 26 per cent. percentage levied on German imports under the Reparations Recovery Act. The Government, on taking office, reduced the percentage to five per cent.

CONSTERNATION IN GERMAN CAMP.
The decision of the British and American representatives to support the French has caused consternation among the Germans, who feel that the adoption of the proposal will precipitate the fall of the German Government. The issue is regarded as momentous that some delegates may go to Berlin to consult the Cabinet before replying.

A NOTABLE MOVE.
The "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent understands that Herr Marx has telegraphed to President Ebert. In his message, he recommends that Germany accept the French plan for the evacuation of the Ruhr.

NAPHTHA DEPOSIT.
DISCOVERY AT KAMCHATKA.
(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, August 14.
The expedition, organised by the Far East Geological Committee, reports the discovery of a very rich naphtha deposit in Kamchatka. The deposit is in the banks of the Bogatychka, in the Gulf of Kronotsk.

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LORD DARLING.

BACK ON BENCH.

London, July 9.—Lord Darling, formerly Mr. Justice Darling, yesterday again occupied his old seat on the bench of Court IV at the Law Courts, which he vacated last year on retiring after 26 years service as a judge.

Having returned to assist in wiping off the arrears of work in the courts, he sat with Mr. Justice Shearman as a Divisional Court for hearing appeals in county court cases.

Mr. J. D. Casswell, applying for the postponement of one case, said it was a rent restriction case.

Lord Darling (wearily): Rent restriction. I shall be glad to put it off until I have gone from here again. (Laughter.)

Giving judgment in another rent restriction case Lord Darling said the Legislature seemed to have determined to get rid of these restrictions one at a time because it would be too great a shock to the public for them to find that they had been suddenly restored to the liberties of their ancestors. (Laughter.)

Alluding to his colleague on the bench as "my brother Shearman," Lord Darling added reflectively, "I am not quite sure whether he is my brother now. I will therefore call him Mr. Justice Shearman."

"I will still call him my brother," declared Mr. Justice Shearman, when alluding to Lord Darling at a later stage of the proceedings.

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"Now the cleverest thing I ever did," he went on to originate, the idea of smoking a "Three Castles" between the soup and the fish.

"That was a good thing to invent, certainly," said Alice. "What else did you invent?"

"Smoking 'em between the fish and the crabs," chuckled the Knight, "and then smoking 'em again between the crabs and the pudding." "In fact," he went on, "I invent an excuse for smoking a 'Three Castles' whenever I can."

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Powder Puff Slaves.

Too many of our girls to-day have become dolls. They are slaves of the powder puff, said Lady Richmond Brown, recently, at Bournemouth. She has returned from Central America where, with Mr. Mitchell Hedger, the explorer, she penetrated the wilds. She added that land girls, during the war, showed what English girls were capable of, but she was of opinion that the girl of the night club and the dance hall was not made of the right stuff. The girls who live the open life in the country and our Colonial girls are those who are made of the right stuff. She was of opinion that city girls could not stand the life of adventure such as she had undergone. Although they might start bravely out they would be crying to be taken back after a few days.

Churchill's Advice.

Mr. Winston Churchill delivered the annual oration at the London School of Economics recently. He said he had chosen as his subject the importance of the study of English. To be able to give exact and lucid expression to one's thoughts, to be able to write a good clear letter upon a complicated or delicate subject, to be able to explain shortly, precisely and correctly what you meant, what you had seen, what you had read, what you had been told, or what you wanted to understand, the real significance of words, to appreciate and express the various shades of meaning which are attached to them—these were surely among the most important requirements. Some of those who had risen, to positions of great responsibility had been woefully hampered because they did not possess these simple primary qualifications. It had become the fashion in Britain to affect to distrust or disdain the arts of speaking and writing so far as they were concerned with ordinary everyday life. There was a good deal of affection and nonsense mixed up with our national attitude on the subject. Too often the strong, silent man was silent only because he did not know what to say, and he was reputed strong only because he had remained silent. Government by talking had been the message which Britain had taught to so many countries. Mr. Churchill spoke of the relations between the French and British Prime Ministers, as affected by the recent difference arose—if it arose in any serious form—far more from the difficulty of finding exact words to define the ideas and statements which both had in common than from any real divergence in spirit or on merit.

"Wonderful Bouquet."

The European official delegations arriving in a continual stream at Wembley all visit the Australian pavilion. Polish, Italian, French and Norwegian agriculturalists, the party including the French Minister for Agriculture, visited the pavilion, and expressed amazement at the Australian products. They were particularly interested in the harvester and wine exhibits. "We did not think Australia produced wines of such a wonderful bouquet," said the Minister after sampling some.

Melba And Adelaide.

When a divinity descends from the stately heights to the terrestrial plane and mingler with the earthlings, it is safe to say that the worst has yet to come. So it was with Melba when, in early May, with an ingratiating smile, she became her own press agent and tried to separate Adelaide people from £7,000 as a guarantee for a proposed week's visit of the Grand Opera Company. Melba arrived with a blare of trumpets, stayed a few days at Government House, circumscribed wealthy S. Australians, and then met the best people at a civic reception when she unfolded her little plan and waited for them to loosen up. The wealthy seemed to have mislaid the invitation, for after Melba had conveyed the impression that the only thing worth while in life was to hear the opera, the response was a biggishly 440 guineas. "I have done a good deal for Australia and if you Australians cannot help me," then God help you all!" she pleaded. But the purse strings were as obstinate as ever. Her boast campaign was a washout, for obvious oratory did not prove irresistible. The tightwad merely became tighter. Her disillusion must have been, galling. Later, Adelaide relented and bookings to date total about £3,000. So the prospect of actually hearing the millenium. Toti Dal Monte it is said, cannot visit Adelaide, as she leaves Australia on August 23. And it is doubtful if a week's opera in Adelaide without her could be made to pay. August 2 or 3 was to be the opening date, but now Adelaide will have to take its high art in a modified form as presented by the local amateur Grand Opera Co. which opens its season about that date. So all Melba's oratory went for nothing. No guarantee for Melba was really needed, for had the whole company been able to make the trip money would have poured in and the apprehension manifested regarding its financial success was regarded by the sophisticated as a publicity stunt.

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Evils of Tea.

The directors of a large Auckland business establishment called a meeting to discuss the question of tea-drinking by girls on the staff during working hours. One business man, discussing the situation, said the tea habit was turning his establishment into a kind of girls' club. About an hour each day was wasted, if the time spent fiddling with their hair, powdering faces, and manicuring nails was also considered. The easier conditions were made for girls, the slacker they became. If he did not take care they would have the kettle boiling all the time, inviting friends in to tea.

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Class Hatred.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Colonial Secretary, officially welcomed over 200 delegates to the 10th Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, at the Guildhall. One result of the war had been that numbers of people mistook paper for wealth, said Mr. Thomas. One could not get more out of industry than one put into it. "Cheap labour is bad," he added, "but while we demand the best we should be in a position to give the best in return." That can only be done by sweeping away that absurd and dangerous doctrine that the Empire belongs to one class or section of the community. Nothing is more dangerous than that doctrine of class hatred. Capital is essential to the development and prosperity of business, but so is labour. If instead of being at each other's throats adopting a policy of pulling down, you were to go in for a policy of building up, your difficulties and the Empire's problems would be very largely solved.

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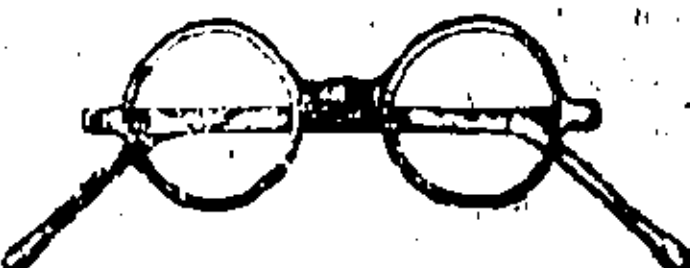
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1924.

MASKEE AND HEALTH.

"Unfortunately it has been delayed, but the circumstance cannot be helped." That, if the Colonial Secretary has been correctly reported, is just the trouble, not merely about an infectious diseases hospital, but about far too many other matters beside. Certain delays must always of course be inevitable, certain circumstances beyond human control. That we all recognise. Nobody expects the Government to be infallible, suffering as it does from the limitations incidental to every unwieldy con-

cern. But, there are, as we have said, too many matters which the Government appears to be content to dismiss with the pious remark "The circumstance cannot be helped." This attitude is doubly unfortunate because it not only very often retards work that should be pushed ahead, but it gives a general impression of apathy, or as the man-in-the-street would say, of a maskee spirit, which can quite easily blind the public to the fact that the Colony's administration is in most respects remarkably efficient. Possibly it is this very reason that makes the lapses so glaring. Take the example which evoked the remark we have taken as the subject of our homily to-day, the Colony's lack of an infectious diseases hospital, which as the Hon. Mr. Holyoak said in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon is a standing disgrace for a place this size. According to the Colonial Secretary, the question was brought up last year and a site was selected but a new Principal Civil Medical Officer arrived

recently and the Government is in conversation with him. The new Principal Civil Medical Officer, added Sir Claud Severn, has his ideas about a hospital, and certain representations he has put forward are now being considered. This is only right. Arriving with fresh ideas from home, the man who will have the hospital under his control is entitled to have his views taken into account. But has the Colony had to wait until the present year of grace for a Principal Civil Medical Officer competent to advise the Government about an infectious diseases hospital? Could not this want have been met years ago when it first became felt, or must we always wait until a matter has become "nothing less than a standing disgrace" before it is remedied? Bearing these questions in mind, the reader will agree, we think, that it is idle to reply "The circumstance cannot be helped." There should be no delays, unfortunate or otherwise, where the public health is concerned, and the sooner the Government realizes this, the sooner will it silence the present public clamour.

Our Wise Race Stewards.

In commenting on the wise action taken by the Hongkong Jockey Club with regard to the height of ponies for racing, we emphasized especially the wisdom in deleting rule 77a from the Statute Book. This rule had become law on January 10 this year and read as follows:—

After the Annual Race Meeting 1924, the Stewards may refuse to accept the entry of any pony which in their opinion is not a China pony. They may at their discretion appoint a Committee of Inspection. The Stewards' decision shall be final.

When the rule was passed, it was obvious that it was certain to lead to friction sooner or later. We, however, never anticipated that it would be brought into use in connection with a batch of subscription griffins. Now that the rule has been expunged from the H.K.J.C. Statute Book, it may be asked why we labour the point. Though, fortunately, local racing men have been spared its evil consequences, Shanghai the Father of the unwise legislation—has already felt its effect. Among the batch of subscription griffins for the Autumn Meeting in the Northern port, four have been branded with the fatal "R" which marks them as rejected because the Committee of Inspection consider they are not China ponies. We do not know for certain whether Mr. Larsen, supplied the Shanghai batch of subs. For the sake of argument we will presume he has done. Now, Mr. Larsen is supplying Hongkong with the batch of subs for the 1925 meeting; so that provided he could satisfy the local Stewards that these four Shanghai rejects had been "bred in any place in which China ponies have hitherto been bred" and acquired through channels through which China ponies have hitherto been acquired, they would be eligible to run here as subs—if included in the batch—always provided they complied with the height. If we appear to have over-stated the case, our excuse is that the Shanghai incident has furnished valuable evidence of the fatuity of the rule.

In the long run, of course, we are brought back to the question of "What is a China Pony?" With due humility we submit the following answer to the conundrum: "A China pony is a pony bred on Chinese soil; and, for the purposes of racing, one that can obtain a certificate of height to race under the auspices of any given club." To our mind, the height is the only thing that matters in any attempt to prevent the strain of the horse stallion, as distinctive from the pony stallion, from flooding the market to the exclusion of the stamp of pony that has provided Hongkong and China race-followers with such excellent sport in the past. The outcry against the half-bred, at any rate as far as Hongkong is concerned, has purely been a matter of height. Our turf legislators, as we pointed out before, have handled the problem in the most sensible manner and the vision they have shown has already been justified by the recent comedy in Shanghai. We do not hold them infallible, but as pointed out by the "N.-C. Daily News" if four half-breeds were discovered in the mob in question, the possibilities of others with foreign blood having escaped the fatal "R" are immense. Hongkong's rule would have obviated such a contingency.

A Tricky Chain.

"In the chain of the strike negotiations," a phrase used in the official statement published yesterday by the Consuls-General of Great Britain and France, bears out a contention made all along during the Shamen strike that the rank and file never had any real say at all. We maintained that the strikers were as clay in the hands of a few agitators, at no time holding any legitimate position in the Canton labour world, being merely opportunists who had become "guild" professionals to better themselves. If the Shamen servants and godown coolies had been unanimous, ballot figures would surely have been issued. Such, however, was not the case. The "strike bosses" and their corps of parasites merely called the men out, kept them out by pickets, and intimidation and stipulated terms. Some of the links in the chain of negotiations referred to, would be the Concession's Municipal Council, spokesmen of residents, the Consuls, the Canton Foreign Commissioner, Dr. Sun's civil administrators at his headquarters, the strike "professors" and the actual workers. With language difficulties and the necessity for the terms to pass through so many stages it is hardly surprising to find that there has been misunderstanding as to settlement terms and the consequent hitch in fixing matters up.

Interport Teams.

A suggestion made in this column last Saturday in connection with the personnel of our interport cricket selectors could be aptly applied to other branches of sport. On Wednesday, the bowls team which is to do duty in Shanghai next month was chosen by ballot. Our submission is that, although selection by ballot has undoubted advantages, a standing selection committee should render better results. Interport bowls matches are now played regularly and interest increases with each meeting. To ensure the right men being picked for each occasion the decision ought to rest with an arbitrary board and not be left to the fortunes of a ballot. At the same meeting, it was mentioned that the Association would not be able to foot the bill for passages to Shanghai. We suggest that each club, honoured by having members chosen should bear the expense of its representatives.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 15.—Coronet Theatre; "The Famous Mrs. Fair."
August 15.—The Star Theatre; "Sick A' Bed."
August 15.—World Theatre; "The 4th Musketeer."
August 15.—Queen's Theatre; "Love in the Dark."

PUBLIC AUCTION.
August 18.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.
August 28.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, valuable building land, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Vaux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.
November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Vaux Road (Central), noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Twenty members of the British Labour Party, including Mrs. Dorothy Jewson, have reached Leningrad to study the Soviets' educational methods.

An unemployed coolie, found on board the "Empress of Australia" yesterday without permission, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment at the Marine Court this morning.

The middleweight boxer, Kid McCoy, has been detained at Los Angeles in connection with the death of Mrs. Mors, the divorced wife of a wealthy antique dealer, who was found shot in an apartment. McCoy says the woman committed suicide in a fit of depression, according to a cable received last night.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Chung Kwai, charged with keeping an opium den at Lan Lui Mei, Kowloon City, came before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. A fine of \$50 or one month's hard labour in default was imposed.

The International Famine Relief Committee at Peking has received verified reports of 13,115 deaths from the floods, of which 3,000 occurred at Kalgan. The Committee estimates that 15,000,000 people are affected in the flooded areas of Hunan, Chihli, Kiangsi, Fukien, Kwangtung, Shantung, Honan and Hupeh. \$20,000,000 is required for relief.

Johnnie Walker fans were pleased last night when his latest offering "The 4th Musketeer" was thrown on the screen for the first time, at the World Theatre. The play, which is from the Cosmopolitan Magazine Story of the same name by H.C. Witwer, presents a formula to harassed husbands for the solution of home troubles.

A woman named Ah Sam, residing at No. 25, Street, Shaikwan, was attacked with a chopper, about 2 p.m. yesterday, by a young man about 23 years of age who came to her house and had a quarrel with her and decamped after assaulting her. She was dangerously wounded and removed to hospital. Enquiries are being made by the police.

The 23rd Japanese Destroyer Division arrived here early yesterday from Swatow. The Division is on a training cruise, with an itinerary which includes most of the usual ports of call on the China Coast, and consists of the Matsuo (Senior Officer), Suki, Kashiwa and Sawaki.

The flotilla is expected to leave for Canton on Monday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter message from Washington states that Major General John Hines will be Chief of Staff of the United States Army when General Pershing retires on September 12.

The "Handelsblad" of Amsterdam learns from a reliable source that Dr. Zimmermann, the Commissioner General of the League of Nations in Australia, will succeed Governor Fock as Governor General of the Netherlands Indies next year.

A message from Peking to the "Only Bulletin" advises that Dr. Schurman, American Minister, left for Shanghai on Wednesday, and leaves there tomorrow on board the "President Taft." Dr. Schurman returns to Peking next March. In the interim Mr. Bell will act as Charge d'Affaires.

Mr. P. Durner, manager of the Societe de Gerance de la Banque Industrielle de Chine, Hongkong, and his wife, who are shortly going home, have received a beautiful silver cup, together with a letter expressing the regrets of the French community and their wishes for a pleasant voyage and a happy future.

Mr. Jefferson Patterson, Third Secretary at the American Legation in Peking, has been transferred to Bogota, Republic of Colombia. He will leave for his new post very soon. Mr. Patterson has been in Peking for about two years. He will be in charge of American interests in the Central American Republic.

Mr. G. G. Brady, who has bidden goodbye to Japan, was entertained at a farewell reception at the Tor Hotel. Mr. Brady's health was proposed by Mr. H. T. Stapleton and many good wishes were expressed for his future health and happiness. Since he first came to Yokohama, many years ago, Mr. Brady has done a tremendous amount to foster amateur theatricals and he will be sadly missed.

Mr. C. J. Williams, adviser to the Peking Wine and Tobacco Administration, is going to America on a leave of absence, and, according to the Chinese press, he will confer with the creditors of the Administration concerning loans. It is also reported that, upon his return, measures looking to the reorganization of the Administration will take place. Mr. Williams having been authorised to undertake the work. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will be greatly missed in sporting circles in the Capital, especially at the Autumn Race Meeting.

Good For the Whole Family.
Mothers always give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for croupy coughs, colds, difficult breathing, bronchitis, and whooping cough. It is good for the little ones and grown-ups too, and every one knows it contains no narcotics. Hold every home.

THE "HAV" ARMS.

POLITICS PLAY—PART IN
CANTON DRAMA.

MOVE AND COUNTER-MOVE.
(By Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, August 14.
Complications, of a semi-political nature, have arisen in the dispute over the arms which arrived by the "Hav" for the Merchants' Volunteers.

Members of the party which desires the nationalisation of property in Canton, are naturally averse to the merchants securing greater power. They are mentioned as having suggested to the labour party that they use their influence with Dr. Sun Yat-sen and insist on the confiscation of the shipment. Dr. Sun Yat-sen and General Hsu Shung-chi are quoted as having advised a more moderate course.

Another proposal is that the arms seized be used to equip a Labour Volunteer Corps to offset the growing strength and numbers of the Merchants' Volunteer Corps. Dr. Sun Yat-sen is still delaying his decision in the matter, but it seems as if there is little chance of the whole shipment being restored to the Volunteers. He promises further inquiries and meanwhile the Volunteers are content to wait. One argument put forward by the authorities is that if a general strike is declared, it will only be the Volunteers and their families who will suffer as a military government cannot be affected by a strike.

The "Hav" is reported to have sailed and the arms are said to be in the safe custody of the Whampoa Officers' Academy.

A German Denial.

(An Occasional Correspondent.)

CANTON, August 14.
Persistent demands are still being made by the Merchants' Volunteer Corps for the release of the "Hav" arms and ammunition. In reply to the argument that the landing permit was given for "within 40 days" and that the "Hav" arrived in a week, Volunteer spokesmen have pointed out that they asked for a longer period for fear that the "Hav" might have been held up en route and insist that they had no other shipment due "within 40 days."

Mr. Chan Lim-pak, commandant of the Volunteers and commander of the Waifong-Bank's Shamen branch, has been accused of political partiality towards General Chan Kwing-ming and antagonism to the present Canton Government. Hints have been thrown out that the bulk of the arms were for Chan's followers in Canton and that the Volunteers were being used as catspaws. A profit of over \$1,000,000 is alleged to have been expected as the arms only cost about \$40 or \$50 Hongkong currency each, with 1,000 rounds of ammunition for each piece.

The German Consul is reported to have denied that the arms came from Germany. Belgium is now stated to have been the country where shipment was made.

Compromise Probable.

To-day's Hongkong vernacular papers state that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr. Chan Lim-pak. Further efforts by the "China Mail" to locate him have failed. In the name of the whole of the Canton Merchants' Volunteers, an advertisement has been inserted in the Hongkong Chinese papers to the effect that action by Mr. Chan and his two assistant commandants have not been personal but as representing the whole corps. Leading Chinese merchants believe that a Canton general strike is not likely to eventuate, but that a compromise may be arranged after the excitement has subsided when the Volunteers will probably get back a portion of their shipment on payment of some "import fee."

Mr. Chan "Gone Out."

This afternoon an effort was made by the "China Mail" to get in touch with Mr. Chan Lim-pak, commandant of the Canton Merchants' Volunteers, by telephone. Asked if Mr. Chan was "at home," the lady who answered the telephone said she would see. After a minute or so she replied that Mr. Chan had gone out.

The vernacular papers insist that Mr. Chan had come down to Hongkong after tendering his resignation as C.-in-C. of the Volunteers.

A Week's Grace.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The Canton Merchants' Volunteer Corps will wait a week from August 12 to see how Dr. Sun Yat-sen will finally dispose of the arms seized on the s.s. "Hav." Dr. Sun offers to return some of them, but the volunteers demand the entire cargo.

Latest official actions taken by the Canton Merchants' Volunteer Corps include the refusal of the

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ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF
PUBLIC GOOD.

Recent meetings of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association have been largely occupied by the consideration of arrangements for the holding of the public band concerts now being given on alternate Monday evenings by the band of the East Surrey Regiment. It was following on a letter written by the Association to Lieut.-Col. F.S. Montague-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., that Kowloon was given a share of the public concerts the band had decided to give, and the Committee of the Association, so soon as it learned that the band was willing to give a fortnightly concert in Kowloon provided arrangements could be made, looked to provide all facilities. Thanks to the kindly co-operation of local companies, including the China Light and Power Company, the "Star" Ferry Company, and the Kait Tak Motor Bus Company, together with the Committee of the Kowloon Football Club it was possible to arrange for the concerts as they are now being given. The success of these concerts is mainly due to those already mentioned and to the work of the Association's sub-committee, at the head of which is Mr. J. M. Alves. Everything is provided free to the public, with the exception of the chairs, for which a charge of 20 cents has to be made to meet the cost of hire and transport. The large crowds attending testify to the keen appreciation of the Kowloon public and it is hoped that the concerts, for which the band of the East Surrey Regiment is so generously giving its services, will continue at least until the end of the summer months.

REMOVAL OF SICK.

The question of the manner in which hospital patients from Kowloon are taken across the harbour on the "Star" ferry has also engaged the Committee's attention. It was pointed out to the Government that there was no covering for the stretcher and that patients had to be laid on the ferry deck in full gaze of other passengers. The Government has since indicated that canopies will be fitted to all stretchers in use in Kowloon, and that patients, when taken across the harbour on the ferry, will be laid in the non-smoking compartment.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

Owing to complaints having been made regarding noisy conduct by Chinese youths and others at the Children's Playground, Chatham Road after dark, arrangements have now been made for the swings and other playing equipment to be put out of action every evening after dusk. A new large notice board has also been erected stating, in English and Chinese, that the use of the playground is reserved for children. An abatement of the noise has been secured and the cause of complaint removed. Improvements have also been effected in the miling, it now being impossible for children audaciously to run out into the street and into the line of traffic.

The attention of the Government has again been drawn to the dangerously unlighted condition of the Salisbury and Hankow Road corner, owing to the erection of the new European Y.M.C.A. building. A request has been made for an additional lamp to be placed at the spot, and the Government has informed the Association that the matter is under consideration.

The Hon. Treasurer's report for July revealed that there are still about 100 members of the Association who have not yet paid their subscription for this year. These members would greatly assist the work of the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. A. J. J. Martin, care of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews) if they would forward him the \$2 date.

members to accept the resignations of the commandant, Mr. Chan Lim-pak, and of the vice-commandants, Mr. Lee Chung-shin and Mr. Tang Kai-shet. The members assert that their chiefs have done their best to provide the Corps with the necessary arms and ammunition and their present detention by the Kuomintang Government in Canton has not been due to mismanagement of the officers whose resignations have been tendered. The volunteers deny the Government charge that intrigue was used to obtain the permit of import. They declare that, by the present detention of the arms, not only the Canton volunteers but also those of Peshawar, Nainoi, Tongkin, Shintak, and other places have suffered financially as well, as they have contributed towards their purchase.

To show that the Cantonese people are for the volunteers the General Headquarters of the Corps have issued figures that at the formal inauguration of the provincial movement at Water Melon Garden in Canton, August 13, representatives from 185 towns and cities of Kwangtung were officially present and 660 messages of greetings were received, including 24 from Hongkong.

THAT SHAMEEN HITCH. SETTLEMENT STILL NOT YET REACHED. RECKLESS CANTON CHARGES.

Wild Talk of "Sharp Practice" Over Police.

Yesterday when we reported that settlement had not yet been reached in the Shameen strike we said the hitch was ascribed to trouble over the lukongs employed by the French Council.

The "Canton Gazette" to hand this morning says that the trouble arose through "an astonishing piece of sharp practice" by the French Council, the lukongs being duped into signing their resignations under the belief that they were signing for wages.

This charge is completely repudiated in responsible foreign circles which state that the document was fully explained to the lukongs, collectively and individually.

The terms enumerated by the Councils in their official statement, it will be remembered, provided that public employees should be reinstated, "reservation being made in the case of the police, on the question of disciplinary measures which shall be finally dealt with according to the discretion of the Councils."

Under the heading of "The General Strike Against Shameen Will Be Resumed To-day," the following appears in yesterday's issue of the "Canton Gazette":—

As announced yesterday, the general strike against Shameen terminated on Tuesday afternoon when the strikers at a mass meeting decided to accept the terms of settlement finally arranged.

Immediately after the mass meeting of the strikers, a deputy of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs was despatched by Commissioner Foo to inform Mr. Giles, the British Consul-General at Shameen, of the result.

It was the general desire of the strikers to return to their work at Shameen not earlier than after two or three days, so as to allow time for those who had gone to their home districts to return before resumption of work in a body. The deputy of the Foreign Bureau, however, after seeing the British Consul General, reported that Municipal employees were required to return to work yesterday.

In these circumstances, a special effort was made by the strike leaders to arrange this, and yesterday afternoon the Municipal employees returned to Shameen and reported for duty at their respective Municipal posts.

The street sweepers and dustmen, gardeners, and water-works employees were readily set to work, but the lukongs were not well received by Colonel Cross, the Chairman of the British Municipal Council, and a Mr. Watson, his associate.

The lukongs were kept hanging around the British Municipal headquarters for over an hour, and finally told that there was no room to put them up; that they had better leave and return to Shameen the next day when the general body of private employees returned to Shameen. The lukongs therefore left Shameen sheepishly and reported themselves at the strikers' headquarters.

"Frenchmen's Sharp Practice." Meanwhile another kind of game was being played by the French Municipality.

The dozen lukongs employed by the French concession when they reported for duty were asked if they needed any money as they had half a month's pay due them. The dozen lukongs delighted with the prospect of receiving some cash right away readily signified their desire to accept.

The dozen lukongs were then handed a sheet of foolscap official paper in duplicate on which a few lines were typewritten in French—and the meaning of which they did not know since they could not read French.

The dozen lukongs were told to sign their names on the sheet of paper immediately below the few lines of typewriting and they did so in the belief that they were signing a receipt for money.

After they had signed their names in Chinese on the sheet of paper, additional matter was typewritten below their signatures.

Consul de la Prade and other Frenchmen then signed the paper, and one copy was given to the lukongs, who were then told to go, as their services were not required. No money was paid to them.

The dozen lukongs therefore had to leave and they returned to the strikers' headquarters and reported what had transpired.

At the strikers' headquarters the typewritten sheet was examined and it was found that

ADMIRAL RESIGNS. VOLUNTEERS PARADE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

FAKRAI, KONGMOON, August 14. Admiral Lan Yen-ke, as Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Defence Flotilla, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the Canton Government. His

successor is likely to be Chu Kwei-cheong, Likin Commissioner of Kwangtung.

[Ever since he left Kongmoon some months ago, ex-Admiral Chan Chak, who is well-known in Hongkong, has been mentioned as likely to be appointed to his old position.—Ed. "China Mail"]

Yesterday a combined parade was held at Kongmoon of Merchants' Volunteers from Canton and the local town.

The few lines of typewriting beneath which the dozen lukongs were told to attach their names were an APPLICATION TENDERING THEIR RESIGNATION!

"The dozen lukongs then discovered that they had been deliberately hoodwinked into signing their names—not in acknowledgment of money as they were led to believe—but to a tender of resignation which was not explained to them."

"The 'Canton Gazette' caps this delightful story with the following typically egregious comment:—'When decent people, foreigners as well as Chinese, learn of this piece of sharp practice, what will they think of the French Municipality?'"

No doubt this precious sheet of foolscap will be embodied in the next Official Statement that will be issued by Shameen and the outside public will be told that this was a voluntary tender of resignation by the dozen lukongs.

Nevertheless this piece of dishonourable chicanery towards the dozen lukongs will stand to the eternal shame of those who contrived it.

"When the truth is published to the world, as the 'Gazette' here and now takes the earliest possible opportunity possible of doing so, and repudiating the document on behalf of the dozen lukongs, all decent self-respecting Frenchmen, all decent self-respecting foreigners resident inside or outside of Shameen, will, we feel sure, disassociate themselves from so flagrant an exhibition of Municipal immorality."

"Strike to Continue." A meeting of the Strikers' Committee was held last night, and orders were immediately issued notifying all strikers that the strike must be resumed. The general strike therefore is still on.

TWISTING THE TRUTH. REPORT GROSSLY INACCURATE.

In connection with the foregoing, the "China Mail" has received information, from an unimpeachable source, which entirely repudiates the allegations in the Canton paper.

With regard to the French Consul and the police, our informant states that the report in the "Canton Gazette" is grossly inaccurate. Each individual policeman signed a document (not in duplicate). The document, it is true, was in French, but the contents were fully explained in Chinese to the Chinese policemen, both collectively and individually, in the presence of competent witnesses. The only reason the document was not written in Chinese was because the Chinese staff of the Consulate were not present, having been refused admittance by the strikers' pickets, so it is understood.

Dr. Sun Loses Patience? (From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 15. After the hitch in the settlement over the clause relating to the lukongs, it was rumoured that Dr. Sun Yat-sen had declared he was disappointed and would take no further part in the negotiations, either as mediator, or in his official capacity.

None of the strikers returned to Shameen yesterday and it seems as if no coolies will be working at the British godowns. Intimidators were again active outside the Steamboat Co.'s wharf last night.

A CANTON SQUABBLE. SOLDIERS FIGHT FOR PROMOTION. EIGHT LIVES LOST.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 14.

Details are now available in connection with the fighting which broke out at Tai Sha Tou this morning. It appears that subordinates of the general commanding the 3rd Yunnanese army, who had resigned, were squabbling among themselves for his post.

The general had recommended a division commander, but another officer thought that his chief's mantle should fall on his own shoulders. He, accordingly, sent troops round to disarm those of his rival and fighting broke out. The general's protégé was defeated.

The casualties are believed to have been—Yunnanese, 8 killed, 4 wounded; Hunanese, 2 killed, 16 wounded. About 50 of the rival troops were disarmed but the others fled. The victor has the approval of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and General Yang Hsi-mun, commander-in-chief of the Yunnanese.

WEATHER.
WEEK-END OUTLOOK.

"Light, variable winds, fair to showery," is all the hour Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, can give us for tomorrow, the beginning of another week-end. Still it is no worse than what we have had for several weeks past.

Meteorological interest on the China Coast is still centred on the severe typhoon between Formosa and Japan. Late yesterday afternoon the Harbour Office notified—Severe typhoon with in 60 miles of Lat. 27°N., Long. 128°E., stationary, or very slow.

Only a few reports have reached the Hongkong Observatory giving information about the typhoon. For three days the barometer at Naha, one of the Loo Choo group, has read 28.7, very close to the record reading taken at Hongkong in last year's memorable disaster.

It is believed that the typhoon is moving round very slowly and that a radius of four hundred miles or so has been affected by terrible weather.

At noon to-day the Observatory reported that the typhoon is a few miles to the N.E. of Naha, moving very slowly E. N. E.

WICKERSHAM CASE.
ANOTHER REMAND.

The case against an American subject, David Belknap Wickersham, of No. 2 Tramway Path, who is charged with issuing a false statement in connection with the American Asiatic Company, again came before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon.

The cross-examination being continued of Lai Chow-tai, the Chinese manager of the fertilizer department, who at a previous hearing had stated that he had a monetary interest in the firm.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. N. I. Brewer defended.

Lai Chow-tai denied that he was engaged by the firm as a comprador. He admitted that he was to receive a commission on any orders he received; but he had never obtained any orders from anybody. Asked why he could not sell any fertilizers, witness replied that it was because defendant required all buyers to guarantee with 30% deposit or a letter of credit. He himself had never been asked to guarantee any contracts or orders.

Mr. Brewer: I put it to you that you were asked to invest in shares as securities as comprador.—No.

Have you at any time asked for your money back?—No.

You stated previously that you trusted the firm, and did you not ask for the money?—I would have expected my money back if I were dismissed.

In the course of further cross-examination witness said he had been working as a clerk in solicitors' offices for 13 years, and this was the first time that he ever did anything other than legal work.

Mr. Brewer: I put it to you that the reason of your leaving legal work was because your bad character was known? My character is not bad.

Have you ever trafficked in morphine in defendant's office?—No.

The case was continued at 2.15 to-day.

FIGHT PLANNED?
GUILD SQUABBLE POSSIBLY.

Hun Cheong and Tsui Hoi, charged with being in possession of three daggers and five files to be used for an unlawful purpose, found at No. 386, Queen's Road West, yesterday afternoon, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Inspector Appleton prosecuted, and stated that he believed that a fight between two guilds was being planned. The case was remanded until 11.45 a.m. on August 20. Bail was granted in the sum of \$1,000 each.

A Chinese woman was knocked down, yesterday afternoon, at Aberdeen by motor car No. 729. She was not seriously hurt and it was not found necessary to detain her at the civil hospital, after her injuries had been attended to.

Three motor accidents occurred, yesterday afternoon, at Shaui-keung Road. The victims were none of them seriously injured, though they had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Rumour has been busy with the name of General Wu Tiel-cheng, the Canton Police Commissioner, who is mentioned, as about to resign because of ill-health. His resignation is likely to take a trip to North.

HOMELESS. CHINESE CAUGHT IN ACT OF THEFT. SIX WEEKS' JAIL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 14.

A Chinese, of no fixed abode, charged with being found in a building in course of construction in Queen's Road, West, for an unlawful purpose, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Defendant was seen by a contractor's foreman at 7 this morning searching two boxes, in a cock-loft, containing carpenter's tools. The foreman blew his whistle, and on the arrival of the police defendant was arrested. A previous conviction was recorded against defendant on July 21 for larceny. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

WEATHER.
WEEK-END OUTLOOK.

"Light, variable winds, fair to showery," is all the hour Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, can give us for tomorrow, the beginning of another week-end. Still it is no worse than what we have had for several weeks past.

Meteorological interest on the China Coast is still centred on the severe typhoon between Formosa and Japan. Late yesterday afternoon the Harbour Office notified—Severe typhoon with in 60 miles of Lat. 27°N., Long. 128°E., stationary, or very slow.

Only a few reports have reached the Hongkong Observatory giving information about the typhoon. For three days the barometer at Naha, one of the Loo Choo group, has read 28.7, very close to the record reading taken at Hongkong in last year's memorable disaster.

It is believed that the typhoon is moving round very slowly and that a radius of four hundred miles or so has been affected by terrible weather.

At noon to-day the Observatory reported that the typhoon is a few miles to the N.E. of Naha, moving very slowly E. N. E.

WICKERSHAM CASE.
ANOTHER REMAND.

The case against an American subject, David Belknap Wickersham, of No. 2 Tramway Path, who is charged with issuing a false statement in connection with the American Asiatic Company, again came before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon.

The cross-examination being continued of Lai Chow-tai, the Chinese manager of the fertilizer department, who at a previous hearing had stated that he had a monetary interest in the firm.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. N. I. Brewer defended.

Lai Chow-tai denied that he was engaged by the firm as a comprador. He admitted that he was to receive a commission on any orders he received; but he had never obtained any orders from anybody. Asked why he could not sell any fertilizers, witness replied that it was because defendant required all buyers to guarantee with 30% deposit or a letter of credit. He himself had never been asked to guarantee any contracts or orders.

Mr. Brewer: I put it to you that you were asked to invest in shares as securities as comprador.—No.

Have you at any time asked for your money back?—No.

You stated previously that you trusted the firm, and did you not ask for the money?—I would have expected my money back if I were dismissed.

In the course of further cross-examination witness said he had been working as a clerk in solicitors' offices for 13 years, and this was the first time that he ever did anything other than legal work.

Mr. Brewer: I put it to you that the reason of your leaving legal work was because your bad character was known? My character is not bad.

Have you ever trafficked in morphine in defendant's office?—No.

The case was continued at 2.15 to-day.

FIGHT PLANNED?
GUILD SQUABBLE POSSIBLY.

Hun Cheong and Tsui Hoi, charged with being in possession of three daggers and five files to be used for an unlawful purpose, found at No. 386, Queen's Road West, yesterday afternoon, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Inspector Appleton prosecuted, and stated that he believed that a fight between two guilds was being planned. The case was remanded until 11.45 a.m. on August 20. Bail was granted in the sum of \$1,000 each.

A Chinese woman was knocked down, yesterday afternoon, at Aberdeen by motor car No. 729. She was not seriously hurt and it was not found necessary to detain her at the civil hospital, after her injuries had been attended to.

Three motor accidents occurred, yesterday afternoon, at Shaui-keung Road. The victims were none of them seriously injured, though they had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

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RIALTO. SUGARS STILL BOOMING. IS IT A CORNER?

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If the risha coolies employed by Hongkong sharebrokers did not lower any world running records this morning, their "masters" must have made "up" for their shortcomings by astounding figures in prices of local stocks and volume of business transacted.

"China Sugars" were the centre of interest. Earlier in the week this scrip was quoted at about \$270, but yesterday the shares shot up to well above the \$300 mark. This morning's opening quotations were about \$347 for cash, but up till noon there were no reports of business done to any extent. No "forward" quotations had been given by then but all brokers were confident that they were "very strong." Yesterday, the highest figure at which "cash" business was done was \$340.

In connection with "China Sugars," rumours are about that a syndicate is out to corner the shares on the strength of a projected deal by the company, but we understand that nothing of public interest has been announced.

"Steamboats" have also come into prominence, there being a strong demand. Quotations opened at \$37.50 buyers and sales were effected at \$38.

"Whampoa Docks" are also reported "very strong" at \$148.50 buyers.

Prophecy Borne Out. A correspondent "Non-Speculator" writes to the "China Mail" to-day pointing out that his forecast with regard to China Sugars, made in our columns on May 30, has proved true. On that date he wrote, saying that he understood a syndicate was making a corner in these shares. He added:—"The present dullness of the Sugar Trade does not justify any rise in the shares. In consequence the rumour seems to be well-founded. It appears to me that the Government would be well-advised to provide laws to prevent such cornering as it is detrimental to the community."

As matters stand, it would appear that if there is a corner, those forming it possess information of which the man in the street is ignorant. The speculative part is none of our business. The self-evident facts tend to show that if there is a corner, those behind it are prepared, if necessary, to "carry the baby."

Market Prices. In the Nam Pak Hong sugar market, prices have moved up about 60 or 70 cents a picul during the last two or three days. One or two grades of Philippine sugar and No. 18 Java rough brown, qualities which are used to considerable extent by local sugar refineries, were both in demand. Now that the floods are beginning to subside, up-country merchants are buying and shipments are going forward to Shantung. Clearances are also being effected for the Mid-Autumn Festival next month before which large quantities of sugar are used in making "mooncakes."

LEAVING THE U.S.

A Reuter despatch from Washington states that Dr. Otto Wiedt, German Ambassador to the United States, has resigned. He is leaving for Germany on September 15.

ARGENTINE AIRMAN.
FLYING TO BANGKOK.

(Reuter's Service.)

RANGOON, August 15. Major Zinni, the Argentine airman, left here at 7.30 this morning. His next stop is Bangkok.

BE PREPARED!

Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs and their parents and friends will be interested to know that the cinema pictures taken at the Wolf Cub Party recently given by Sir Claude and Lady Severn at 'Tandragee' will be exhibited at the Coronet Theatre from Sunday to Wednesday next as part of the usual programme.

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ADMIRAL RESIGNS.
VOLUNTEERS PARADE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

FAKRAI, KONGMOON, August 14. Admiral Lan Yen-ke, as Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Defence Flotilla, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the Canton Government. His

successor is likely to be Chu Kwei-cheong, Likin Commissioner of Kwangtung.

[Ever since he left Kongmoon some months ago, ex-Admiral Chan Chak, who is well-known in Hongkong, has been mentioned as likely to be appointed to his old position.—Ed. "China Mail"]

Yesterday a combined parade was held at Kongmoon of Merchants' Volunteers from Canton and the local town.

The few lines of typewriting beneath which the dozen lukongs were told to attach their names were an APPLICATION TENDERING THEIR RESIGNATION!

"The dozen lukongs then discovered that they had been deliberately hoodwinked into signing their names—not in acknowledgment of money as they were led to believe—but to a tender of resignation which was not explained to them."

"The 'Canton Gazette' caps this delightful story with the following typically egregious comment:—'When decent people, foreigners as well as Chinese, learn of this piece of sharp practice, what will they think of the French Municipality?'"

No doubt this precious sheet of foolscap will be embodied in the next Official Statement that will be issued by Shameen and the outside public will be told that this was a voluntary tender of resignation by the dozen lukongs.

Nevertheless this piece of dishonourable chicanery towards the dozen lukongs will stand to the eternal shame of those who contrived it.

"When the truth is published to the world, as the 'Gazette' here and now takes the earliest possible opportunity possible of doing so, and repudiating the document on behalf of the dozen lukongs, all decent self-respecting Frenchmen, all decent self-respecting foreigners resident inside or outside of Shameen, will, we feel sure, disassociate themselves from so flagrant an exhibition of Municipal immorality."

"Strike to Continue." A meeting of the Strikers' Committee was held last night, and orders were immediately issued notifying all strikers that the strike must be resumed. The general strike therefore is still on.

TWISTING THE TRUTH. REPORT GROSSLY INACCURATE.

In connection with the foregoing, the "China Mail" has received information, from an unimpeachable source, which entirely repudiates the allegations in the Canton paper.

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"KAGAYA"	8,854	13th Dec. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	6,886	24th Dec. at Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KASHMIR"	8,963	27th Dec. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Jan. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,884	24th Jan. at Noon	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	6,811	1st Feb. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KAGAYA"	8,854	13th Feb. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	6,886	24th Feb. at Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KASHMIR"	8,963	27th Feb. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Mar. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

S. S.	Tons	From	Destination
"TAKADA"	6,849	17th Aug. at 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	5th Sept. at 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILWA"	10,000	14th Sept. at 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Aug. at Noon	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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"PESHAWUR"	7,834	21st Aug.	Shanghai and Yokohama.
"TAIREA"	8,500	21st Aug.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,886	6th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	6,700	27th Sept.	Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,953	18th Sept.	Moji and Kobe.
"MORRA"	10,911	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASIGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,880	4th Oct.	Moji and Kobe.
"SIOULIA"	8,813	4th Oct.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	1st Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,098	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,400	1st Nov.	Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KEHVA"	9,097	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SAUDAN"	6,896	29th Nov.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARAFURA"	6,000	8th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
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"MORRA"	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASIGAR"	8,840	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.

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SALE OF RELICS.

FRAGMENT OF HISTORY.

London, July 5.—For anyone with a medium of imagination last week's great sale of letters and relics must have suggested a dazzling pageant of history, with the names of "Cassell's Weekly," "Pope and Company," kings and queens, famous statesmen and soldiers, poets and musicians, the names of those who have made history from the twelfth century to the present day, succeeded each other with bewildering rapidity as their personal letters and belongings came under the hammer of the auctioneer.

A VALUABLE LETTER.

The tragedy of Mary Queen of Scots was recalled by a number of documents and autograph letters, and public interest in them was whetted by the effort to secure them as national possessions. There were a dozen of these documents, the first dealing with a lease of property in Edinburgh, upon which her agent was impressed when she was ten months old; the last a letter written not long before the execution, when she was a prisoner in Sheffield.

This letter is characteristic of her, for it is full of expressions of gratitude to her champion at the court of Elizabeth, Michel de Castelnau, and offers him a position in France as reward for his services. There was also the official copy of her marriage articles with the Dauphin of France, but perhaps the most interesting of the lot was a fine autograph letter to James Beaton, Archbishop of Glasgow, and her ambassador in France.

This is dated from "Scheldt" on November 13, 1574. In it Mary wrote that she had received the sweetmeats by the hand of the bearer, brother of my Chancellor de Vergier, and have told him merely to say that I am in good health, thank God, but waiting for a secretary. If you do not find me one quickly you will get no more news of me for so much writing makes me ill.

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS.

The letter also begs the Archbishop, since he is so much at Lyons, not to forget about her little dogs.

The receipt of the sweetmeats referred to in this letter led to a development which throws a vivid light on the court life and intrigues of the time.

Mary, who had by that time been Elizabeth's prisoner for six and a half years, sent half of them to Elizabeth as a present. It was suggested to Elizabeth that they were poisoned, and when we remember the sinister reputation that Paris then held as the home of poisoners, and the plots to assassinate Queen Elizabeth or to depose her and place Mary on the English throne, the suggestion does not seem incredible. Elizabeth took precautions.

The French ambassador, who had conveyed the present to Elizabeth, made an "assaye" of them by eating several in her presence. Whereupon the Queen, as she told Mary's detractors, had no mistrust, but ate them and found them good.

The interest in the letter is not confined to this phase. Mary's reference to her "little dogs" is significant. She was being strictly guarded at this time. She was allowed only ten attendants; they were not permitted to hear words or bows, and had to leave her chambers by nine at night and not return before six in the morning.

Her correspondence was scrutinized, and she complained that she was not allowed to go on horseback or to chase. So, to relieve the tedium of those long years of duress, she kept several little dogs and birds.

MARY'S MANUSCRIPT.

As it is the practice at these sales at Sotheby's to sell documents in alphabetical order, quite irrespective of value or chronology, the letters of the various Queen Marys were immediately preceded by the sale of Captain Mary's autograph manuscript of his novel, "The Settlers in Canada," and followed by letters and scores of the musicians Mendelssohn and Meyerbeer.

Such a statement may convey a faint idea as to the extraordinary variety of this sale. In its short article one can only suggest its staggering range. There was, for

KING EDWARD.

A MEMORIAL SANITARIUM.

London, July 3.—The Duke of York visited Warwickshire yesterday for the purpose of opening the new Warwickshire sanatorium for the treatment of consumptives, which has been erected on the summit of Hertford Hill, as a county memorial to King Edward. The new sanatorium is some three miles from the county town of Warwick and overlooks miles of open, well-wooded Warwickshire country. It has cost about £100,000 in building and equipment, and provides 150 beds.

The Duke of York arrived at the Great Western Station at Leamington Spa shortly after midday, and was met on the platform by Lord Leigh, Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire who presented the Mayor of Leamington, Councillor Hawkins, the Town Clerk, and others. The party motored to the Royal Pump Room, and afterwards, under the guidance of Councillor England and Mr. Leist, the Duke made a tour of inspection of the baths, showing great interest in the many forms of electric and saline treatment.

It was explained to the Duke that during the war many thousands of disabled Service men received treatment in the baths with most beneficial results. His Royal Highness expressed the belief that this action by the federated spas had made British spas more popular, and there was no doubt they were now being more extensively used by those requiring treatment. The Duke also made inquiries as to the different qualities of the Leamington waters, and was informed that there were sulphur and saline wells in all departments of the baths.

A company of some thousands of persons assembled in the grounds of the sanatorium gave the Duke of York a most hearty welcome on his arrival at Hertford Hill. The Rev. Canon R. H. Hodgson, chairman of the joint committee, gave a short history of the institution, and then invited His Royal Highness to unveil a statue of King Edward which has been erected in front of the sanatorium building.

The Duke of York, having unveiled the statue, expressed his great pleasure in being able to take part in the ceremony. "My happiness is greater," he said, "when I reflect that this building will stand as a permanent record of the regard in which my grandfather was held by his people in this country. I can imagine no more fitting memorial to one who always showed his intense interest in any scheme directed towards the improvement of the health of his people than this refuge for our fellow-beings who are afflicted by the terrible disease of consumption. I congratulate all concerned on the splendid example which they have set in thus perpetuating the memory of my grandfather by providing such a valuable and necessary institution for the care of sick and suffering. This wonderful building speaks well for the high ideals and public spirited sentiment of the people of this county. I understand the county memorial fund provided £10,000 towards its erection and an equal amount was contributed by the Red Cross Society of Warwickshire. It is difficult to speak in adequate terms of the generosity of those who have contributed towards the success of this great undertaking. In the connection I feel I may be forgiven if I refer particularly to the magnificent gift of £30,000 which has been received from Mr. Alfred Watson. (Cheers.)"

The gentleman has generously come forward and promised to pay for the whole of the buildings, and it is difficult to know whether it will be more fitting to congratulate Mr. Watson on his noble example of public-spirited benevolence or to congratulate Warwickshire on the happy possession of such a benefactor.

In the portico of the building the Duke of York unveiled a bust of the late Marquis of Hertford, who had taken a great interest in the institution, and afterwards made a thorough inspection of the building.

The statue of King Edward and the bust of the Marquis of Hertford are both the work of Mr. Albert Toft, who was present at the unveiling ceremony.

Both Edinburgh and Dundee decided to confer the freedom of their cities on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The Duke of York opened on Hertford Hill, near Warwick, a sanatorium, which has been built as a county memorial to King Edward.

Man to man is grown so much unkind.

Here is a wise man that knows who to trust.

Also the standard of Prince Charles Edward's bodyguard, captured at the Battle of Culloden by Captain George Burgess. Documents signed by Edward IV, Richard III, Cromwell, Weymouth and Elgar were also offered.

BRITISH CABINET.

BITTER ATTACK BY N.U.R.

York, July 8.—Bitter criticisms of the Government, with special reference to the Prime Minister, Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and Mr. Wheatley, were made at the annual conference of National Union of Railwaymen delegates, which was resumed here to-day.

The attack was opened by Mr. J. Higgins, a tall, blonde Clydeside signalman, in reply to a resolution expressing satisfaction with the first Labour Government and congratulating Mr. J. H. Thomas upon his appointment to the Colonial Office.

Mr. Higgins and several other extremists were neither satisfied nor complimentary, and they said so.

Mr. C. T. Cramp, general secretary of the N.U.R. and its ablest orator, sprinkled cold water on the red fire of the rebels, who were outvoted by some 70 votes to 10. But the voting did not truly represent the feeling of the conference, judged by the applause which greeted the more outspoken criticisms.

Some supporters of the resolution qualified their satisfaction at the Government's progress. They took refuge in the statement that the Government was in office, but not in power, whereupon Mr. Higgins reminded them that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at York last Easter had said, "We have the opportunity. Opportunity is always power, and we are in power." The Clydeside signalman then proceeded to tear the Government to pieces.

"ONE CALLED WHEATLEY," he said, "is carrying out a capitalist policy. The Prime Minister had given up the battle of the working class to fight for industrial capital. He was not getting on with the problem of unemployment, and the Labour Party at the next general election would find itself in serious difficulties."

"And what about housing?" asked Mr. Higgins with a sneer. "There is one called Wheatley from Glasgow. We who come from Glasgow know something about housing. We know him in the I.L.P., whose rank and file in Glasgow can wash out Wheatley and any schemes he can produce. His is not a housing policy for the workers, but for the middle class."

Having demolished the Minister of Health, Mr. Higgins turned upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Snowden. "What has Snowden done for the workers?" he snarled.

"THE CAPITAL LEVY," he thundered, "was drafted on behalf of capital. Why has Snowden not adopted the Capital Levy? He ought to have raised a super-tax to provide pensions for widows. The Labour Party is a miserable failure."

Mr. Philip Snowden having been knocked out, Mr. Higgins returned to the attack on the Prime Minister.

"This man Ramsay MacDonald," he said, "is hailed as a great Foreign Secretary, but he has miserably failed. He should have made a proper settlement with Russia. And what of the experts' report, which meant that British and American capitalists were going to control the indus-

tries in the Ruhr Valley and exploit the German workmen to bring down wages in this country?"

"THE PARLIAMENT GANG."

Having put Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the corner with Mr. Snowden and Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Higgins pounced upon Mr. J. H. Thomas and his "sane imperialism." "It is impossible to weld the Empire together," declared the Clydeside signalman. "The Empire is in a state of disintegration. The Empire is breaking up. The only policy is to link up with Russia and Czechoslovakia. The Prime Minister must get back to this policy and have the soul of the Labour Party."

What was left of the Cabinet after Mr. Higgins had spoken was attacked by Mr. S. N. Adams, a Leicester examiner, who pounded out sentences with the force of a steam-hammer.

"The whole record of the so-called Labour Party," he declared, "has been the care of the capitalists. The Parliament gang at Westminster is being juggled by the gang who are behind the muck raked gold."

MR. CRAMP'S LAST WORD. Mr. C. T. Cramp said the last word. "It is our habit as workers," he said cynically, "to place people into positions of responsibility and then promptly to crucify them."

"Is it worth while," he asked, "to try to establish Socialism in this country against the will of the majority of the people? The point is that men and women in the ranks of Labour have been proved capable of carrying on national government. This country will not submit to any dictatorship either of capitalists or of a small minority of the working class."

"Denouncing Socialists" sneers against silk stockings, breeches, and the dresses of Ministers' wives, Mr. Cramp said it did not matter what a Minister liked for breakfast or what was his favourite brand of tobacco. All that mattered was the policy of the Government.

The majority of the delegates were with Mr. Cramp. They then discussed railway matters in private.

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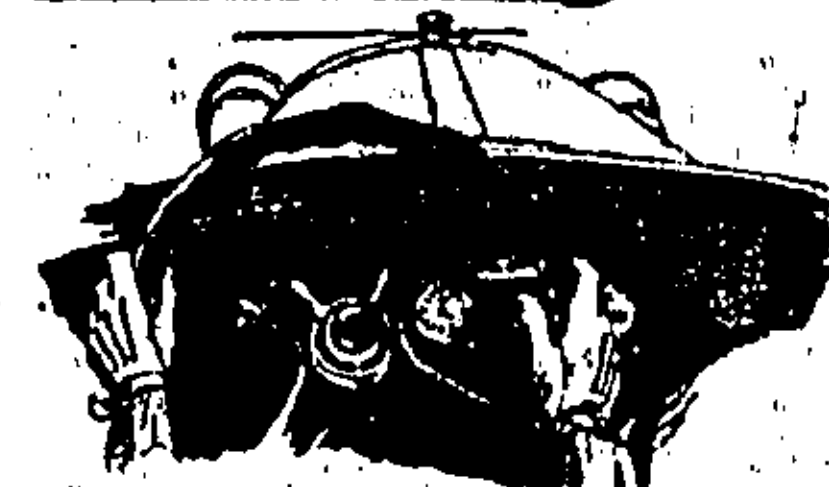
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Piers Ordinance And Shipping: Pregnant Questions Re Public Health: Plea For Subordinate Officials: Future Of Telephone Service:—

At the Council Chamber, yesterday afternoon, a meeting of the Legislative Council was held, at which many questions of public interest were raised. There were present:—
H.E. the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.
Hon. Sir Chas. Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Attorney-General.
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Hon. Mr. Chau Su-ki.
Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede.
Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.
Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Clerk of Councils.

Piers Bill Amendment.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Piers Ordinance, 1899.

The Colonial Secretary seconded. Hon. Mr. Alabaster: Sir, this is apparently a mere amending Bill intended to preserve powers that already exist, but I do not think it should be passed into law until it has been discussed and certain principles which underlie it have received consideration. The principal Ordinance which this Bill seems to amend was passed in 1899 in face of very considerable opposition, which arose even on the first reading, and those who opposed it, tried even to prevent it being read a first time. It was opposed on the ground that it had the effect of regularising certain encroachments of Crown land by granting to the encroachers virtually a 25 years' lease of it at a fixed Crown rent, renewable for a further period of 25 years at a reassessed Crown rent and renewable for other periods thereafter which were left somewhat vague.

The first 24 of the 25 years have already elapsed and the time has now arrived if the ordinance remains standing, to re-assess the Crown rents, but we are told in the "Objects and Reasons" that it is unnecessary to do so. I humbly venture to suggest, Sir, that something more than that statement is required. The possessors of the leases pay no rates whatever; they pay their Crown rents and have paid them for 24 years, but I find it hard to believe that their property, unlike other people's property, has not vastly increased in value in the past 24 years. The present Bill tends to the instability of the value of their property. The purchaser of the residue of the Crown lease does not know, if this amending Bill is passed, whether the rent will be doubled, or multiplied tenfold, within the next twenty-five years. It seems to me that there is ample time between now and the end of the year to revise these Crown rents. This would not occupy half a sheet of notepaper.

There is something else in this Bill which requires discussion. The Bill transfers powers from the Executive to the Legislative Council. It is not usual for me to oppose the transference of functions from the Executive to the Legislative Council, but in this case I submit the functions are purely executive. The machinery for making the pier owners pay the rent they ought to pay is possessed by the Executive Council and I submit the power of assessing and re-assessing the Crown rent should remain with the Executive Council. In 1909 when an attempt was made by ordinance to take away the power of the Executive Council under section 3 and transfer that power elsewhere, the ordinance was disallowed.

For these reasons, I submit, Sir, that the further consideration of this Bill should be deferred so that these points may be weighed, or the Bill, perhaps, have a decent burial as being unnecessary. At any rate, the Bill should not be passed without further consideration.

The Attorney-General: Sir, I have had occasion more than once to go into the history of the original Piers Ordinance, and it is certainly new to me that there was opposition to the Bill being passed in 1899. There is no record in the report of "Hansard" to opposition to the first reading but there was one speech in opposition on the second reading. The Ordinance gave to the owners of piers, for the first time, a proper legal title and security of tenure and for that

reason it was welcomed by owners of piers and by prospective owners of piers. With regard to what the hon. member said about the desirability of a revision of pier rents, the reason why this is not done, I think is that we are not for the moment in need of additional revenue. But, of course, we may be later on. We do not wish to raise rents unnecessarily now, but we wish to keep the power of raising them when additional revenue is required. I do not think it will very seriously affect the properties concerned, because the same condition of affairs has existed during the past 25 years. During that time there has been power to revise rents and I do not think these important pier properties will be unsafe or unstable in value because of this Bill.

The hon. member referred to the fact that some years ago it was proposed to transfer certain powers from the Executive Council. My impression is that the proposal was to transfer powers to the Governor. The present proposal is to transfer them to the Legislative Council. There are good reasons for that. Questions of taxation are generally for the Legislative Council to consider, and any increase of rents under this ordinance would be an increase, not for what I may call licence purposes, but for revenue purposes, and I think that ought to come before the Legislative Council. It is also a question affecting Shipping and for that reason also it is considered desirable that any intention to increase the revenue from this source ought to come before this Council. I think the principle is sound.

H.E. the Governor: I may say that when the suggestion came before me I was influenced by two facts, one a mere trivial matter of principle, which is that I think taxation is better dealt with by the body provided to deal with taxation; the other is that, as I have said in the Council before, I would consult the Council fully before proposing any taxation that would fall on Shipping and it occurred to me that it might be argued by hon. members that an increase of pier rents would be, in effect, increasing taxation on Shipping. I therefore thought that the revision of the pier rents should be decided by this Council rather than by the Executive Council. With regard to the point made by the hon. member that the Executive Council possesses the machinery to deal with this question while the Legislative Council does not, I scarcely think he does justice to the Executive Council. The Government would not put forward proposals unless they had been considered by the Executive Council and that Council was prepared to put them forward. If the hon. member presses the point that the matter of taxation should be dealt with at once, I will not object, but I think the matter would be better left until the need arises.

The second reading of the Bill was then agreed to. On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was referred to Committee to be considered clause by clause. The Bill passed through without amendment.

Assistant Bacteriologist.

The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Two million and twenty-eight thousand and thirty-eight Dollars and three Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1923.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded. Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Sir, arising out of the item "Miscellaneous Services" I would like to ask the Government whether it will seriously consider the advisability of appointing a qualified Assistant Bacteriologist. I think the Unofficial Members of the Council are not satisfied that that Department is fully staffed. Your Excellency is no doubt well aware that within the past two or three weeks this Department has been in the limelight. I think, Sir, it is a fact well known to all of us that the Bacteriologist is responsible for the mortuary work, which involves some twenty-five post mortems a month, as well as for work in connection with infectious diseases, water, etc., and there is so much to do that it needs more than one man for the work. Support of this will be universally forthcoming from medical practitioners, who if they have a case of disease for examination need a prompt report on the specimen submitted, and if generally happens that they do not get it for some days; it has been known to take a fortnight, in which case the information of

the result of the Analysis is too late to be of any serious advantage. The Unofficial Members would submit, Sir, not only for the reason that the recent outbreak of typhoid has drawn attention to the need, but on account of the importance of this work in the Colony, that the subject should be considered by the Government.

Man To Be Engaged.

The Colonial Secretary: Sir, in reference to the remarks of the hon. member who represents the Chamber of Commerce, the Government have asked the Secretary of State to select a Medical Officer possessing the qualifications of a bacteriologist, who will assist the Bacteriologist. It is quite recognised that the work, which includes mortuary work, is very heavy. There are no doubt, occasions when assistance is required. Sometimes, when the Bacteriologist is ill it is very difficult to get anyone to do his work. The Government recognises the need of assistance even if a whole-time assistant is not necessary.

Mechanical Filtration.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Under the heading of "Waterworks and Maintenance," we would like to ask, Sir, whether the Government has considered, or is now considering, the question of mechanical filtration of water as against the present somewhat slow system, having in view the great needs of this Colony and that water can be purified by mechanical filtration with infinitely greater speed and safety. If the Government is considering it, we would like to know if decisions can be expedited.

Hon. Colonial Secretary: With regard to mechanical filtration, the Government has sent home a request for apparatus which is to be placed at the Bowen Road filter-works.

Quarterly Progress Reports.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Under the heading of "Public Works," we should like to ask, Sir, in connection with my recent question in the Council—both as we are to add to the work of the Department—whether quarterly reports on work in progress will be laid on the table. In this connection I think we would like to express our extreme dissatisfaction in regard to the delay in completing the Saiyungpoo School. We have been assured that the work would be pushed on with all possible speed; yet one of the reasons given for delay by the Public Works Department is that there has been difficulty in obtaining the special bricks needed from Canton. Surely, Sir, in view of the urgent need of the school—the overworked state of the present school—no delay should be caused by a difficulty in obtaining special bricks. I speak without technical knowledge, but I should have thought that a lack of these special bricks scarcely justified the delay.

The other building of importance which we would ask your Excellency to expedite is the Infectious Diseases Hospital. I do not wish to dilute, Sir, upon conditions of hospital administration in this Colony, but it is a fact that cases of infectious diseases are handled almost side by side with other cases, and it is a standing disgrace that we have not an Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Hon. Colonial Secretary: The Quarterly Reports on certain buildings and works will be laid on the table. I do not know whether the Director of Public Works can add anything to what I said the other day about the facing bricks. As we decided to adopt that particular kind of brick for the Saiyungpoo School building, I imagine it is better to adhere to the design as originally proposed. The question of the Infectious Diseases Hospital was brought up last year and a site decided on, but the new Principal Civil Medical Officer has ideas on the subject and he has put forward representations that are now under consideration.

Subordinate Officials.

Hon. Mr. Kewell: Your Excellency, I desire, with your permission, to make a few remarks on three items. The first item is "Rent Allowances" under Miscellaneous Services on page 12. When the 1922 Supplementary Appropriation was considered by this Council in August last, I made an appeal on behalf of all the Chinese, Portuguese and Indian civil servants for rent allowances, and added that if for financial reasons it should be found impossible to grant the privilege to all, a start might be made with subordinates who had more than say, ten years' service. I find that my alternative suggestion has been adopted, but I would have been happier if the privilege had also been granted to men with less than ten years' service. The prevailing high cost of living affects all alike; and the less expensive proposal which I put forward was conditional upon the inability of our finances to stand the greater strain. A year has now elapsed since I raised the question; the financial position of the Colony has gone on improving; and I am sure that it can easily bear the expenditure which would be involved by the extension of the allowance to men with less than ten years' service, and on the permanent establishment. I am aware that the Government is taking steps to

have houses built for the accommodation of all its clerks; but until such accommodation is available no Chinese colleague and I submit that these junior men, most of whom are married, should be treated in the same sympathetic manner as their senior brother-officers in regard to the question of house allowance.

Hon. Colonial Secretary: In regard to the remarks made by the hon. Chinese member on the question of rent allowances for non-European members of the Service, the subject has been under consideration, as hon. members know, and it has been decided to give such allowances—at any rate to all those civil servants of ten years' service. That is the point in their service when they become eligible for pensions. As they are practically all married, with families, and their careers are settled, taking into account their disability for pensions, and that they are not likely to seek employment elsewhere, the Government felt it should take their case into consideration and give them some help towards meeting the very heavy expense of rent at the present time. There are about 280 in all. The Secretary of State approved the proposal and it has been already before the Finance Committee. The question of granting it to those under ten years' service is another matter. There are 230 who are married, and there are a great many others who have dependants. Many of those who are married have their families in the country, and not in Hong-kong at all. The circumstances in each case differ to such a degree that when the question was gone into, it was found very difficult to settle, and it was thought that the question would solve itself in the not very distant future, as in the case of a great many of them reaching the ten years' limit. A petition has been received and I was on the point of writing an answer to it to say that the Government regret that they cannot see their way to meeting their requests. I was going into particulars. I have stated some of the difficulties to you as the hon. Chinese members have brought up the subject. They may be able to hit upon some formula, for although the Government has shut the door, I may say it is not bolted and barred. I may say that in order to arrange for quarters for some of these senior non-European civil servants, I, with others, went to look at various vacant flats in Victoria, Kowloon and Shunsiu. At last we got hold of 18 flats at what we considered very moderate rents. They were new and very good houses and we sent a circular round for applicants for them, offering \$100 for removal of furniture and putting up necessary partitions. The response to that circular was so disappointing that we asked the owner of the flats to take back eight of them, and we endeavoured to get applicants for the remaining ten. It was so disappointing that we were wondering whether we had been too hurried in arranging allowances or getting flats. We are building over 200 flats in Kowloon on a most excellent site, and I hope they will be finished within the next two years, but I hope and trust that members of the service will not say they do not want to go into them.

Telephone Service.

Hon. Mr. Kewell: Under the same main head appears the item "Rent of Public Telephones." I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to seek information as regards the future position of the Telephone Company, if there is no objection to giving such information at this juncture. The existing service is very unsatisfactory, and has given rise to numerous complaints; but in view of the uncertainty of the Company's future it is easy to understand why they have not done anything towards improvements. I think that it would be to the interest of the public if a definite decision could be made by the Government at an early date.

Hon. Colonial Secretary: In regard to Telephones, the future of the Telephone Service in Hong-kong is being discussed at present at home, and certain tentative proposals have also come forward in this Colony, but it is impossible for the Government to deal with these during the absence of certain interested persons at home. No doubt we shall hear the result of the discussions at home and when the interested persons return to the Colony I hope it will not be very long before arrangements for the future will be completed.

Supply Of Water.

Hon. Mr. Kewell: It is with some reluctance that I now approach the subject of "Maintenance of Waterworks" under Public Works Recurrent on page 39. I have no wish to add my voice to the list of questions, discussions and lamentations over our water supply, which, I fear, must have at times disturbed the sleep of our hard-worked Water Authority. But my honourable friend Mr. Chau and I consider it our duty to say a few words concerning the supply to the Western district. For many weeks until quite recently, while all the reservoirs on the Island with the exception of that at Wongneichong Gap were at overflow level, a large part of that

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district had been subject to the hardship of a restricted supply, the reason being that the Pukulum Reservoir which serves that district was in a very muddy state, and the necessarily slow process of filtration necessitated an intermittent supply. I understand that that condition of the reservoir was principally caused by the construction of the new road above it, from which very large quantities of earth had been washed into it during the heavy rains of the past month or so. No one can deny the great hardship which the restriction has inflicted on the inhabitants of the river-main area of the Western district, most of whom are of the poorer classes; and though we represented the matter to the Water Authority through the Hon. Colonial Secretary for Chinese Affairs at the time, we would like publicly in this Council to express the hope that no effort may be suggested by the Public Works Department to expedite any construction work which will tend to ensure a constant supply to this and other districts of the Colony.

Hon. Colonial Secretary: I would like to explain to the hon. member why a part of the Western District on the river main system is still having a restricted supply of water. The Pukulum reservoir cannot supply all the water required for the part even if it can be filtered, and therefore any water required to make up the balance would have to come from the Tsimshui tunnel which carries 14 millions a day, but the conduit to the filter beds is constructed to carry only 7 millions a day, while the consumption is not less than 9 millions a day. An 18-inch pipe has been constructed from the Albany down to the Elliot filter beds so that sufficient water can come through. That full supply we hope will be available in six weeks or two months when part of eastern filter beds are ready. The Government much regret that the restriction of the supply has occurred owing to want of sufficient filter beds and the great increase in the consumption of water.

After the Council had adjourned until Thursday next, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held under the presidency of the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

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In Canton itself, lichee is a common fruit. Many gardens contain hundreds of lichee trees yielding thousands of cabbies. It sells at from twenty cents to half a dollar a catty, but because the fresh fruit is very hard to keep, the price goes up ten or twenty times when brought to Peking and other places far away from the production centres. Many varieties of lichee are produced in Canton. Those which ripen first are known as Sian-vel-hung because they turn red in the third month of the lunar calendar, and are fully ripe in the early part of May. Hei-yi or "black leaf" lichee comes next, and is gathered toward the end of that month. Both varieties sell at 20 or 30 cents a catty, when the supply is normal. The better grades are Nam-tsh and Kwei-wai, both of which ripen in the latter part of June and are sold at 40 or 50 cents a catty. The former is very soft and juicy, while the latter is crisp, like good arrowroot. They are the most palatable. Toward the end of the season, about the middle of July, a Hwei-chee lichee comes on the market, but they are not particularly good and command only the same price as the very early ones.

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Professor John C. Flood, of Southborough, has returned from a year on the Continent, where he made an intensive study of the Latin races, on which he will lecture.



LT. RALPH DAVISON.

Lieutenant Ralph Davison, who went to Italy to pilot one of the aeroplanes of Raold Amundsen to the North Pole, has returned to America, the expedition having failed owing to lack of funds.



PRINCE GELASIO CAETANI.

Prince Gelasio Caetani, Italian Ambassador to the United States, has sailed from New York for a summer vacation in his native land.

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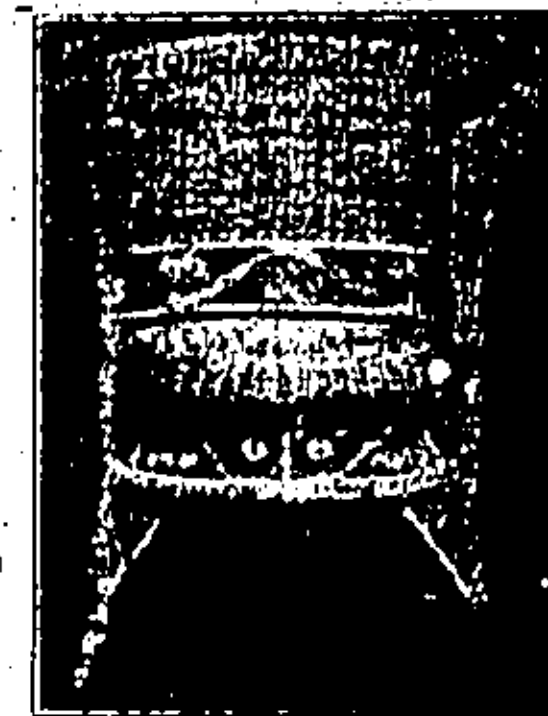
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The B. F. s.s. "Machao" from Liverpool left Singapore on Aug. 11 for this port and is due here to-morrow.

The O.K. s.s. "Sumatra Maru" (Bombay) left Singapore for Hongkong on Aug. 10 and is expected to arrive here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakodate Maru" (Calcutta Line) left for Hongkong on Aug. 13 and is expected here on Aug. 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Glaucus" left Liverpool on July 12 for Straits, Bangkok, Shanghai and Hankow and is due here on or about Aug. 18.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Aug. 8 a.m. left Yokohama on Aug. 9 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Aug. 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Pyrrhus" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Aug. 13 for this port and is due here on or about Aug. 18.

The U.S.A. s.s. "Pres. Polk" which is due at this port on Aug. 18 sailed from San Francisco on July 19 on schedule.

The "A. O. S. s.s. 'Pres. Jefferson' will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. on Aug. 19.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Mishima Maru" (Australia Passenger Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Nagasaki on Aug. 13 and is expected here on Aug. 18.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" which is due at this port on Aug. 21 sailed from Seattle on July 31 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Carnegie" left Liverpool on July 16 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Peking and Dairen and is due here on or about Aug. 21.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Awa Maru" (Bombay Passenger Line) left Hongkong via Singapore on Aug. 12 and is expected here on Aug. 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Atrous" left New York on July 9 for Soer, Singapore, Manila and Hongkong and is due here on or about Sept. 1.

The D.M.L. s.s. "Pres. Monroe" which is due at this port on Sept. 1, sailed from San Francisco on Aug. 2, on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Hollens" left Liverpool on July 30 for Straits, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Sept. 3.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Peking Maru" (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for Hongkong via Singapore on Aug. 13 and is expected here on or about Aug. 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Rheus" left Liverpool on Aug. 3 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Sept. 6.

The B. F. s.s. "Antony" left Liverpool on Aug. 10 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Hankow and is due here on or about Sept. 10.

COMMERCIAL NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per a.s. "West Farall" remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent Agents—The China Mail.

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WEATHER REPORT.

August 15d. 10h. 58m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—A severe typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 27° N. Long. 128° E., moving E.N.E.

August 15d. 11h. 07m.—Pressure has increased moderately from Wadiwestock to N.E. Japan and slightly from Naha to Formosa.

It has decreased slightly at Oshima and is nearly stationary at the majority of other reporting stations.

The typhoon is now a few miles to the N.E. of Naha moving very slowly E.N.E.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 76.13 inches, against an average of 56.6 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on August 16, 1924.
1.—Formosa Channel, Light variable winds; fair to showery.

2.—South coast of Formosa, variable winds; fair to showery.

3.—Hankow and Shanghai, Light variable winds; fair to showery.

4.—South coast of China, variable winds; fair to showery.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 15, 1924—A.M.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction	Force
Hongkong	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Shanghai	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Yokohama	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Kobe	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Manila	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Cebu	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Amoy	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Swatow	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
Hankow	5	29.97	66	75	NNE	5 to 7
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HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m.

The Ball is hoisted half past at 10 minutes and full past at the 37th minute. Should the ball fall to drop at the correct time it will be lowered at 1 minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour.

Should the Time Ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z" on the Signal Mast.

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U.S.A.	via Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.	U.S.A.	via Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.
Manila	via Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.	Manila	via Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.
Shanghai	via Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.	Shanghai	via Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.
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Fort Bayard	via Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.	Fort Bayard	via Hongkong, Japan and Shanghai & Europe via Suez.
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